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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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6PM UPDATE

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Mayor Declares Snow Emergency

*Non-Essential Travel Strongly Discouraged; Parking Ban in Effect
On All City Streets Until Further Notice*

City Offices and 54-A District Court Closed Monday, February 2

Drifting Snow to Keep Plows on Major Streets Through Monday

City Trash Collections Delayed Two Days

(LANSING) – In response to the hazardous conditions created by the extreme snow event now underway across the City of Lansing, Mayor Virg Bernero has declared a snow emergency in accord with the city's Emergency Management Ordinance.

The mayor's declaration includes several emergency orders effective immediately and until further notice:

- Non-essential commercial, private and public travel on city roads is strongly discouraged.
- Parking on all city streets is prohibited.
- Non-essential government facilities and services are closed tomorrow, including 54-A District Court (Monday, February 2, 2015).
- All City of Lansing sponsored events or meetings for Monday, February 2 are cancelled.

The city's Emergency Operations Center has been activated and has taken the following measures:

- Implementation of an emergency vehicle access plan to support police, fire and EMS personnel responding to 911 calls for assistance.
- Implementation of a snow removal and ice management plan for all city streets, roads and right-of-ways.
- Implementation of a community-wide critical communications plan.

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In addition, **city trash collection services will be delayed by 2 days from the normal schedule.** To facilitate snow clearing operations, city residents are asked to remove their trash and recycling bins from the curbside immediately and place them back at the curbside on their rescheduled pickup date.

6PM WINTER STORM UPDATE

City winter maintenance crews continue to plow major streets and will work continuously throughout the storm to keep them clear. Depending on conditions, snow clearing operations on major streets will likely continue through Monday night.

Plowing the city's 440 miles of local streets requires an additional 36-48 hours after majors are completed, so city residents should not expect all local streets to be cleared for several days due to the extreme amount of snow. Blowing and drifting snow continues to impact major streets, which means city work crews will be required to make multiple passes before moving into local streets.

Parking on city streets is prohibited until further notice to facilitate plowing operations. Vehicles parked on city streets that interfere with plowing operations may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Citizens are also reminded that city ordinance requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after a winter storm event.

Plowing operations on local streets follow the city's established plow routes. A link to the plow route map, and other winter maintenance information, can be viewed online at http://www.lansingmi.gov/snow_ice_information.

Updates on the city's snow clearing operations are also available via the city's Nixle text messaging service. Sign up for Nixle updates by visiting <http://www.nixle.com> and subscribing to Lansing Public Service and other city agencies.

City residents can call 2-1-1 for the latest information on warming centers and shelters, or if they need other forms of non-emergency assistance. For emergencies, please call 9-1-1.

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